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Application of: PAGANO, M.

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For: METHODS TO IDENTIFY COMPOUNDS  
USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
PROLIFERATIVE AND  
DIFFERENTIATIVE DISORDERS

Attorney Docket No.: 5914-090

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated October 22, 2002, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter and consider the following preliminary amendments, election, and remarks.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith: (a) Appendix A, which contains the marked-up claims, and (b) Appendix B, which contains a clean copy of the pending claims.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A marked-up version of Claims 1, 4, and 7 showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A. Matter that has been deleted is indicated by brackets. Matter that has been inserted is underlined.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, and 7 as follows:

1. A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising contacting a compound with a cell or a cell extract expressing Cks1 and Skp2 or Cks1 p27 and Skp2, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.

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